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The Honorable Paul H. Douglas
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Douglas:

Your letter of August 10th addressed to the Director of Central Intelligence and enclosing a letter to you from Mr. Thomas B. Stauffer has been referred to me in Mr. Dulles' absence.

Mr. Stauffer requested your assistance in connection with a statement he asserted was given by a Central Intelligence Agency employee and which Mr. Stauffer believes should be turned over to the Department of State. We have gone over our records in this connection and find that as Mr. Stauffer asserts in his letter two statements were made by Central Intelligence Agency employees and forwarded to the Department of State through channels. These in effect were character references and according to our best information do not relate to the facts under consideration by the Department of State. We have no record that a third statement was made in Cairo or elsewhere. If it had, we would assuredly have forwarded it with the others, but we can find no trace of any such paper or any indication of what employee might have been requested to make such a statement.

Consequently, we are unable to take any further action, but, of course, if Mr. Stauffer wishes to get in touch with me with any further suggestions or information, I should be glad to see if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

cc: A-DD/A ✓
Director of Security
Legislative Council

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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